REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 7, 8, 10-13, 15, 18-25 and 27 are pending. Claims 7, 13, 15 and 20 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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